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Classified By: A/DCM David Rundell for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (C) A/PolCouns delivered reftel demarche to Abdulrahman Al-Rassi, MFA Office Director for International Organizations.

Al-Rassi confirmed that SAG agreed that providing financial assistance to Yemen through the GCC is important in ensuring regional stability. When asked whether they plan on providing funding on programs encouraging regional stability, his comment was "no doubt." Al-Rassi took note of point regarding the London donor conference and will confer with SAG delegation.

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